

Cracklin' Static

August 2025 Edition



SIERRA NEVADA
Amateur Radio Society

SNARS BREAKFAST
August 2, 2025
See Page 4 for details!

SNARS NET on DMR – Tuesdays 8pm
DMR Talk Group: 31328 SNARS

SNARS Treasury Closing Balances

As of July 26, 2025

Operating	\$4019	
Convention	\$0	
Self Insurance	\$21163	incl \$4100
Savings	\$5668	convention funds

Paypal	\$1087
Total	\$31937

Net Income/Year	\$3877
Net Income/Month	\$412
Memberships	24

Donations	
PayPal Giving	\$0
Members	\$628
Total	\$628

Notes: transferred \$1000 from Paypal
To operating

SNARS Membership as of July 25, 2025

Extra	142	37%
Technician	107	28%
General	123	32%
Advanced	12	3%
No License	5	1%
Total	389	

SNARS members ARRL:	242	62%
Life members ARRL:	37	10%

SNARS ARRL Members	279	72%
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Volunteer Examiners (VE's):	45	12%
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PRESIDENT'S VOICE

SNARS PRESIDENT BARRY BETTMAN, K6ST



Welcome to the dog days of summer!

I want to give a special thank you to newsletter editor Howie WB2AWQ for the Special Summer Edition of the newsletter. In case you missed seeing the **SUMMER SPECIAL EDITION 2025** newsletter, take a look by clicking on the picture below to view it.



CHAMELEON ANTENNA **DX ENGINEERING** And **SNARS**
AUGUST 2nd - A VERY SPECIAL CLUB MEETING & BREAKFAST
Breakfast will be provided to the first 50 people that register! **LEARN MORE**

The August SNARS meeting will be held on August 2nd at Chameleon Antenna.
August SURPRISE A VERY SPECIAL CLUB MEETING AND BREAKFAST*

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SNARS, CHAMELEON ANTENNA and DX ENGINEERING WILL BE SPONSORING.

There will be a product demonstration, product discounts, prizes, and coffee & donuts.

Don W7SSB will also be presenting on the Topic: "Radio History" Lots of very interesting facts that benefit us today!

1. No families and kids.
2. No RV's please
3. DX Engineering will have a lot of swag to give away.
4. SNARS provides the donuts.
5. Prize drawings Chameleon Antenna & DX Engineering.
6. Lots of Chameleon used products, factory seconds, etc!

Please bring a chair, this will be an in-person outdoor event only (NO zoom) !

(fyi: This is NOT a swap meet!)

To register, click on the banner above.



Please save the date for the September 13th Reno Ham Swap.

Hope to see you at the upcoming events or talk with you on the air. 73, K6ST Barry
SNARS President k6st@arrrl.net



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Yearly Dues: \$40.00 Individual • \$50.00 Family

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SNARS Wide Area Linked System

147.030 + PL 123.0	Sparks, Fernley, Fallon	Online
147.210 + PL 100.0	Reno, Sparks	Online
147.150 + PL 123.0	Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Carson	Online
146.925 -PL 123.0	Lovelock, Fallon	Online
146.670 -PL 123.0	Winnemucca	Offline
444.875 + PL 100.0	Yerington	Online
444.125 + PL 123.0	Reno Sparks (coming soon)	Online

DMR Systems

444.925 + CC 1	Reno, Sparks	Online
444.825 + CC 1	Dayton, Fallon, Carson	Online
443.925 + CC 1	Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Carson	Online
443.950 + CC 1	Incline Village	Online
442.875 + CC 1	Sparks, Fernley, Fallon	Online
442.850 + CC 1	Downtown Reno	Online
441.950 + CC 1	Fallon, Fernley	Online

Fusion Systems

146.610—DGID 28	Reno, Carson, Dayton	Online
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IRLP / EchoLink Systems

147.300 + PL 123.0	Reno, Sparks	Not Linked
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Packet / APRS

145.050 - RNO	Reno, Carson, Dayton	Online
145.050 - ROSE	Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Carson	Online
144.390 - TOULON	Lovelock, Fallon	Offline

Standalone Systems

147.390 + PL 100.0	Reno, Carson, Dayton	Online
443.075 + PL 123.0	Reno, Carson, Dayton	Online
927.0875 + PL 114.8	Reno, Carson, Dayton	Online

Online
 Offline
 Not Linked

Visit <https://snars.org/repeaters/analog> for additional updates/status on repeaters.



Weekday on the SNARS Linked System

147.030 + PL 123 – Sparks/Fernley
 147.150 + PL123.0 – Lake Tahoe / Truckee
 147.210 + PL 100.0 - Reno
 444.875 + PL 100.0 - Yerington
 146.925 - 123.0 – Lovelock / Fallon
 146.67 – PL 123.0 - Winnemucca

Monday through Friday @ 12:00pm

Open to all amateur radio operators. A general informational net for the amateur radio community of

Nets on the SNARS Linked Systems

147.210 + 100.0 | 147.030 + 123.0 | 147.150 + 123.0
 147.670 – 123.0 | 146.925 – 123.0 | 444.875 + 100.0

SNARS Noon Net	Mon—Fri @ 12:00pm
ERC Net for NV and Northern CA	Monday @ 9:15pm
N. Western NV ARES Net	Thursday @ 7:30pm
Northern Nevada Preppers Net	Wednesday @ 8:00PM
Hospital Net	Friday @ 10:00AM

Nets on Simplex/HF

Jefferson Noon Net	7.204 LSB	Daily - 12:00pm
6 Meter Net	50.350 USB	Tuesday – 8:00pm
2 Meter Weak Signal	144.250 USB	Wednesday - 8:00PM
2 Meter Simplex Net	146.500 FM	Thursday – 8:00PM
10 Meter Net	28.350 USB	Sunday – 2:00PM

Join us on SNARS Telegram Channel

Visit <https://snars.org/telegram/>



Telegram

a new era of messaging

Our official channel for members to communicate with each other via chat, ask questions and get the latest information about the club, repeater status and amateur



SNARS Weekly DMR Net

Tuesdays 8:00PM

SNARS Talk Group 31328

SNARS CALENDAR

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SNARS Board Meeting Wednesday, Aug 13, 6:00PM.
 Location and mode Chin Chin, Sparks, and on Zoom. Click on this link:
<https://snars.org/activities/meetings/>
 The calendar is below the monthly meetings.

HAM RADIO ELMERING NIGHT on Zoom
 7:00 PM Monday Aug 18, 2025 see
<https://snars.org/hamradionight/>

Reno QRP Group Meeting Tuesday, Aug 19, 11am – 12pm, Jack's Coffee Shop #2, 605 N Wells Ave, Reno, NV. Contact Ed, WD7Y WD7Y@sbcglobal.net for more info. If cancellation is needed, it will be announced on the SNARS noon net.

Next months SNARS Breakfast Meeting, Sept 6, 7 AM (Zoom 8 AM). Location and media mode tentative, depending on Board decision.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

AS OF 7-27, 2025

Jon	Meeks	W8JA
Jason	Oberfest	KO6JJB
Gerhard	Dohne	KM7AXF

SNARS In-Person Meeting

SNARS Monthly Meeting
(in-person ONLY!)

Saturday, Aug 2nd, 155 GLENDALE AVE, Ste -17B,
Sparks, NV from Aug 2, 2025 7AM - 11AM

PRESENTATION:

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**MEETING
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Register here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyaF4yYpxYwm2ETiQnbgIBAmKx6-t9Cz2uxgJsyVjIBdruTA/viewform> or on the banner above

THE NAME OF THE GAME

Jim Shepherd W6US nvjims@gmail.com

GOING PORTABLE FOR CONTESTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

There are some tricks that make going afield and operating in a contest or special event that makes the whole process easier and more efficient. This can also apply to SOTA and POTA operations.

The multitude of hams that you contact are expecting you to properly record their contact with them. This means that you need to correctly log that contact with all the necessary information. This entails capturing their callsign, the correct UTC time, the band or frequency, the mode, their signal report both from you and to you, any required exchange, and possibly some misc. information like names or additional location data. Operating from some of the rural counties will bring a lot of County Hunters and Grid Zone collectors wanting to contact you.

In the old days when radios used tubes, high voltages, and required lots of power while just idling, paper logs were used. Since then, the invention and development of inexpensive computers has revolutionized the art of logging. The computers kept flawless UTC time, could read the frequency, mode, and power directly from the radio, and allowed an easy interface to record the callsign, signal report, and the exchange. It would save the information to permanent memory, and at the end of the event, generate an electronic record in a proper format that could be sent in milliseconds to the event sponsors, and other programs for further processing. The initial computers were big, bulky, and used a lot of 120 VAC power like the old radios in the days gone by. OK for the club Field Day where several big generators were cranking out the power to run everything, but not satisfactory for a small operation.

There are a lot of small, but very powerful, computers that run on the same 12 Vdc power as our newer radios. Thanks to the RV and trucking industries, there are lots of smaller monitors that also run on 12 Vdc. Bluetooth keyboards eliminate cords on the limited operating positions. These small computers usually come with 100 Gb or bigger solid state hard drives and Windows 11 along with WiFi and Bluetooth. They run for about the same cost as the average 2/70 dual band mobile radio and are about the same size. Add the free **N1MM+ Logger** program, and you are set to quickly log your contacts. Look up '12 volt computers' on Amazon for some of these units.

While the smaller mobile HF radios are a good fit for a permanent mounting in a vehicle, your desktop radio has the features and specifications that you are best off having for efficient operations. A good fitted carrying case will protect your investment. 100 Watts will put a good signal out there

that more stations can hear and put in their log. Unless the event is strictly QRP, leave the little rigs at home—the skill is not in the low power sending, but in the receiving of that signal at the other end.

12 Vdc power has come a long way. The new lithium batteries are smaller, much lighter, and provide more usable power than the older lead-acid ones. They will provide 12.8 volts down to about 15% of their rating while the old lead-acid drops to 11 volts at about 50% of their capacity. Add a solar panel or 2 and you can run all weekend without a noisy generator. My 100 AHR LiFePO battery only weighs 22 pounds and the Lead-Acid it replaced was about 60 pounds. Solar panels are now well under a Dollar a Watt.

Antennas are very important. Low to the ground wire antennas send most of their RF up at high angles and are referred to as “cloud warmers”. That is good for local area communications, but not so good for talking across the country and DX. Wire antennas do work well when they are at least 60' or more high, but most of the trees in this area are not that tall. Ground based verticals do have the low takeoff angles for RF and are easy to deploy as most are self-supporting with a proper mount or easy to guy.. They are greatly improved with radials on the ground, the more the merrier. Highly conductive ground like the alkali saturated playas and on the edge of ponds or lakes make definite improvements to your signal. I've been using a trap vertical with very good results and a number of first place certificates in contests... Yes, you may make some contacts with just about any antenna, but going with better ones will definitely put a lot more contacts in your log.



Don't overlook creature comforts.... Comfortable chairs, shade, lighting, wind blocks, and some temperature controls will keep you behind the mic or key longer. Food and liquid refreshment is also a big help. A few radio items like headsets and foot switches also help with the operations.

The Nevada QSO Party is coming up in 2 months and there is a huge need to get operators out in the lightly populated rural counties. The more hams we have on the air in each county will help make this event more popular with the world wide ham community. There is a signup list on the <http://nvqso.com/> website. Don't worry if you see someone else listed in the county, we need multiple operators in every county, especially CW ops. It is important to turn in you log afterwards.

Getting out in the field and operating can be fun. The ability to operate from rare counties, gridzones, and other unique locations will add lots of contacts to your logbook. Have fun!!!!

SNARS VOLUNTEERING

Thanks to Don Sherman, W7SSB who helped put together the upcoming Chameleon/DX Engineering Breakfast.

Please feel free to reach out to me to see how you might be of service to the club in 2025! With great appreciation,

K6ST Barry SNARS President k6st@arri.net

73, Barry K6ST
President, Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society
www.snars.org
Nevada Section Youth Coordinator
ARRL (American Radio Relay League)
www.arri.org

The national association for amateur radio



SHORT TAKES (By Jim Shepherd W6US)

CONTEST CALENDAR

There are 5 QSO parties this month—Maryland, Hawaii, Ohio, Colorado and Kansas. The 10-10 Summer SSB contest will be on the first weekend of the month. This is a great opportunity for all hams as it is on the 10 meter band only. This and other contest information can be found at:

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.php>

DX

Lots of expeditions this month with the big DX operations in places like Greenland, Benin, South Cook Island, Wake Island, Aland Island, and a bunch of other location, especially during the World Wide Digital Contest the last weekend of the month. More information can be found at:

<https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

THIRD MONDAY ZOOM HAM RADIO NIGHT

We will have our popular Ham Radio Elmering Nights via ZOOM

to get your questions answered. It will be held at 7pm on Monday, 18 August. More information, including the link will be published before that date.

HAMFESTS/EVENTS

Las Vegas-- On the first Saturday of every month, the local "HAMS" gather at the parking lot, the PETERSON CENTER 6455 Dean Martin Drive. The swap meet is a non-sponsored event. It is held rain or shine and on holidays. There is no charge to set up and sell at this gathering. Selling begins at sunrise and typically runs 2-3 hours, depending on the amount of items and buyers present.

Pacific Northwest DX Convention, Monarch Hotel and Conference Center 12566 SE 93rd Ave, Clackamas, OR 97015 -- 08/15-17/2025. More info:

<https://pnwdxconvention.com/>

NAME THAT RIG?
(Answer on page 9)





ARES NEWS EVENT CALENDAR



EVENTS FOR 2025	DATE	DATE END	SPONSOR/ ORGANIZER	COORDINATOR	CONTACT
Vegas to Reno Off Road Race	TBD	TBD	Best in the Desert Racing Assn	Keith KC7HTK	kc7htkeith@hotmail.com
One Day Ham Review for Technician & General question pool exam.	8/16/2025		Washoe ARES	John Phillips KL7RI	phillijs@yahoo.com
Virginia City 100-Horse Endurance	9/20/2025		Nevada All-State Trail Riders, Inc.	Arlan Robinson, KA7ZAU	ka7zau@washoeares.org
Red Rock Rumble Horse Endurance, New Event	10/18/2025		Nevada All-State Trail Riders, Inc.	Arlan Robinson, KA7ZAU	ka7zau@washoeares.org
One Day Ham Review for Technician & General question pool exam.	10/18/2025		Washoe ARES	John Phillips KL7RI	phillijs@yahoo.com
Nevada Day Parade	11/1/2025		NV AREA NW DEC	John Phillips KL7RI	phillijs@yahoo.com
Scheels Turkey Trot	11/27/2025		WC-ARES	Arlan Robinson, KA7ZAU	ka7zau@washoeares.org
One Day Ham Review for Technician & General question pool exam.	12/13/2025		Washoe ARES	John Phillips KL7RI	phillijs@yahoo.com



WCARES^{Inc}
Washoe County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Inc.
 PO BOX 13083 RENO, NV 89507 WWW.WASHOEARES.ORG

Washoe County ARES News

We had a very quiet July. We started off with our field training at the REOC. Members went outside to set up their stations outside throughout parking area. We practiced sending messages through Winlink, we practice communicating messages through VHF and UHF. Some members took the opportunity to learn different radios, and programming software. Some members even was able to see different ideas on go boxes.

We only had one event. That was the Lost Sierra Endurance Race. We had a small team travel from Reno, Sparks, Carson City and Fernley to the event in Downieville Ca. We took our remodeled communication trailer for support at start and finish. We provided communications in three other different locations for the event.

The month of August looks like we will be able to take a long break from any events. If you would like to support and volunteer with any of the WC-ARES events. Please go to www.washoeares.org and click on the banner at the top of the homepage. We need your help! You don't have to be an ARES member.

Our next big event will be on September 20,2025 It will be the Virginia City, 100 horse endurance ride. This is a 24 hour event. If you have additional questions about any events, feel free to contact me. My information is listed below.

Arlan Duwayne Robinson (KA7ZAU)
 ARES- Washoe County Emergency Coordinator
 Cell: (775) 233-3530
 Website: www.washoeares.org
 Email: ka7zau@washoeares.org

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT



Jamboree on The Air (JOTA)

October 17-29, 2025 Weekend

Jamboree-on-the-Air is held the third weekend in October. There are no official hours, so you have the whole weekend to make JOTA contacts. The event officially starts Friday evening during the JOTA Jump Start and runs through Sunday evening.

More Info:

<https://www.scouting.org/international/jota-joti/jota/>

Barry K6ST

President, Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society www.snars.org

Nevada Section Youth Coordinator

ARRL (American Radio Relay League) www.arrl.org

SNARS HAM RADIO ELMERING NIGHT

3rd Monday of each month at 7PM PT on Zoom

Join together and Elmer each other for Ham Radio Mentoring Night



MONDAY, AUGUST 18, AT 7:00 PM PST ON ZOOM

TOPIC BREAKOUT ROOMS

HOA Friendly Antennas, VHF/UHF Analog, DMR/Fusion/

REGISTER HERE:

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0ldO-orz8uHNDRXnL1RI6LiMqJQ_E5opjG

FUN STUFF FOR AUGUST

August has five ARRL or NCJ contests, shown in BOLD this month. Plus there are FIVE state QSO parties, on 9, 23, and 30 August. Note the US Islands QSO party is on August 30. Knock yourself out!

2 Aug 0001 to 3 Aug 2359 28 10-10 International Summer Contest, SSB Ph www.ten-ten.org

2 Aug 1800 to 3 Aug 0559 1.8-28 North American QSO Party, CW
www.ncjweb.com

2 Aug 1800 to 3 Aug 1800 222 MHz and up ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest CW Ph Dig www.arrrl.org/222-mhz-and-up-distance-contest

9 Aug 1400 to 10 Aug 0400 1.8-28 Maryland-DC QSO Party CW Ph www.w3vpr.org

16 Aug 0000 to 17 Aug 2359 2.3 GHz and up ARRL EME Contest CW Ph Dig www.arrrl.org/eme-contest

16 Aug 1800 to 17 Aug 0559 1.8-28 North American QSO Party, SSB Ph www.ncjweb.com

17 Aug 1800 to 17 Aug 2359 3.5-28 ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY Dig www.arrrl.org/rookie-roundup

23 Aug 0400 to 25 Aug 0400 1.8-28 Hawaii QSO Party CW PH Dig www.hawaiiqsoparty.org

23 Aug 1600 to 24 Aug 0400 1.8-28 Ohio QSO Party CW Ph www.ohqp.org

30 Aug 1200 to 31 Aug 0300 1.8-28,50 U.S. Islands QSO Party CW Ph Dig www.usislands.org

30 Aug 1300 to 31 Aug 0400 All, except WARC Colorado QSO Party CW Ph Dig www.ppraa.org/coqp

30 Aug 1400 to 31 Aug 2000 3.5-28,50 Kansas QSO Party CW Ph Dig www.ksqsoparty.org

If you want to see the full list, go [HERE](#)

DX FOR THIS MONTH

The DX scene is a little sparse for August, but still some good stuff on the list. Iceland, Mayotte, Greenland, more. Have fun!

Jul 26 to Aug 09	Iceland	TF
Jul 28 to Aug 01	Rodrigues I	3B9SP
Aug 02 to Aug 08	Ogasawara	JD1BRC
Aug 02 to Aug 10	Mayotte	TO3K
Aug 03 to Aug 18	South Cook Is	E51KEE
Aug 15 to Aug 29	Greenland	OX
Aug 17 to Aug 24	Aland Is	OG0C
Aug 18 to Aug 22	Palau	T8
Aug 18 to Sep 07	Benin	TY2AA

You might check with: <https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html> to see more DX, or if others have been cancelled or added to the list.

RENO QRP SLOW SPEED CW NET

NEXT NET SESSIONS WILL BE on August 7 and 21, at 10AM Pacific DAYLIGHT Time. As always, check with WD7Y@sbcglobal.net to confirm times. Target frequency 7.045 MHz, if busy search somewhere near that frequency.

THE FOLLOWING SHOULD ALWAYS BE IN YOUR REPORT:

NAME ,RST, LOCATION, RIG, POWER, ANTENNA.

REMEMBER TO INCLUDE RST IN YOUR REPORT

Feel free to add something else in your exchange.

Take some time to report RST for other OP's or anything else that comes to mind.

Sharing information about you and your equipment will accomplish two things.

First It gives you and everybody else practice sending and copying.

Second It is nice to spend time on the air with your friends. Consider this a QRP meeting on the air.

Relax and have some airtime fun with your friends.

73/72 Ed/WD7Y

CALL FOR ARTICLES!

If you did some Ham-type stuff over the summer, and you'd like to get your name and photos in print, send me photos, stories of your adventures, and I'll print them in a future edition of Cracklin' Static. Send articles to: Howie WB2AWQ, at WB2AWQ@ARRL.net

NAME THAT RIG (From page 6)

Here's one for you diehards: This is an **Atlas 400X**, the very last model before **Atlas** folded up shop. The **400X** was rated as 160 thru 10M, including WARC bands, 150W PEP input, 0.4uV sensitivity, 0.6Khz selectivity in the CW mode, and either 1.8 or 2.8Khz SSB, 90W PEP output, totally solid state, full QSK, weighing at only 7 lbs, sounds like a nice transceiver? **NOT**. After starting the Swan Electronics brand first in AZ, then in Oceanside CA, Herb Johnson W6QKI started the **Atlas** Co, in Solana Beach CA. They built the relatively famous **Atlas** 210 and 215 transceivers, (very nice units, BTW), ultimately finishing up with the **Atlas 400X** in 1994, when Herb Johnson died, and the company folded. But not before they took a number of deposits on the \$700 (a lot of money in those days) transceiver, and left many hanging with no transceiver, and of those that were finished, many never did work right. An ignominious end for the man who started Swan, a powerhouse name in Amateur equipment in the 60s. Working 400X's are rare!

SNARS SILENT KEYS

IN MEMORY OF SNARS MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.

If you know of a SNARS member or friend of SNARS who has passed away recently, submit it to me WB2AWQ@arrrl.net or any Board member for verification and inclusion on this page.

KA7FOO Doug Abramson Reno NV
K4SAK David Feher Reno NV

week of 7/20/2025
week of 7/20/2025



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2025- 6:00PM

Chin Chin and Via Zoom

1. Call to order and roll call at 6:00 PM

Board of Directors:

Barry Bettman, K6ST P
Anthony Marcin, W7XM Z
Greg Krantz, NT7Q P

John Byerly, N7ROJ P
Krystal Nelson, N6KDN P

Doug Edmondo, W7DBE P
Jim Shepherd, W6US P

Guest(s) In attendance:
Bob Nelson, KA6NSN P

2. Approval of Minutes - Discussion/Action

Approve June 2025 Meeting Minutes - Motion by Barry, Second By Greg, Motion Passes

3. Approval of Agenda - Discussion/Action

Approve Agenda - Motion by Doug, Second John, Motion Passes

4. Reports

A. President's Report -

Barry reported field day went well this year and next week will have the final report by the field day committee. Read a letter from the scout leader to the board regarding the attendance at the field day this year and thank you message. A plaque was presented to Krystal for her contribution to the scouts this past year.

B. Secretary Report -

Membership Stats - 386 Members with 4 joining in the last 2 months.

C. Treasurer - over \$31,000 in the bank reported by Doug for ending in June. The unused checking account has been closed.

D. Technical Team - John discussed visiting Winnemucca soon to get it back on the air. Toulon will have a brief outage to connect to an antenna just for SNARS. Maybe be out for up to a week or so. Notice will be posted in the telegram channel. Eagle ridge DMR will be worked on soon to get back on the air by replacing the router which seems to be the issue of why it has been offline. Jim discussed the status of the ATV repeater and next steps on its future.

E. Control Operators / Trustee -
No Report

F. Events

Field Day - Barry discussed the success of the event this year. A special edition of the Field Day Cracklin Static.

G. Education & Youth Activities -

Barry discussed the next event is JOTA in October, the 3rd weekend and working with the scouts.

H. SNARS Noon Net and SNARS Digital Net - Barry discussed the nets are running well.

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

Malicious interference of Kevin KF7MYK - Discussion on next steps of what should be done by the board was held. No action is being suggested at this time.

7. Board member and Public Comments

During this time members and board of directors may speak on any topic regardless if the item was agendaized.

8. Adjournment - Action

A. Next Meeting: August 13, 2025 at 6:00PM. Location to be Announced

B. Call For Adjournment. Adjourned at 6:38pm